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New tremor hits Guatemala
GUATEMALA CITY, Feb. 18, (R). — Thousands of people abandoned their homes today when a new earth tremor shook this battered capital.
But the tremor did not cause any damage or casualties, police said.
More than 20,000 people died in Guatemala when a major earthquake rocked the Central American republic on February 4.

Angeria explosion kills 35
RS, Feb. 18 (AFP) — The final toll in Angeria's gas explosion at Tagdempt, western Algeria, is 35 dead and 36 injured, the newspaper Moudjahid reported today.
The workers yesterday recovered a further 10 bodies from the debris of two buildings destroyed by the blast, it said.
Dr Kissinger, who was in the area, said the victims was an entire family of 10, according to the newspaper.

European approval rolls on MPLA rule in Angola

LN, Feb. 18, (Agencies) — The pace of diplomatic activity in Europe quickened today for the People's Republic of Angola, proclaimed by the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA) and fought for in 15 months of civil war.
A major European conference in the Luanda administration of President Agostinho Neto after its victories over pro-Western forces.
Italy, Holland, Ireland, Norway, Sweden, and Cyprus gave the government of the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola the stamp of international approval.
Iceland and New Zealand said they would follow shortly.
One of Angola's ne- stressed it was not the new regime.
It urged all rival factions and former Portuguese colonial troops to join building a nation.
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Appealing for national unity, he said in a Capetown dinner speech last night that South Africans could now face continuous attacks from outside the country and inside.
Also in Capetown two black South African leaders today warned the government that should there be a military confrontation with Communist-backed forces in southern Angola, the authorities would not have the support of blacks in South Africa.
In Luanda, National Union for Total Angolan Independence (UNITA) leader Jonas Savimbi personally gave orders for the killings of dozens of Europeans before his troops withdrew from Balombo, near Silva Porto, the Luanda daily Jor- al de Angola reported today.
The paper said that hundreds of bodies of massacred Angolans had been found by MPLA troops when they took Huambo, Bie (the new name for Silva Porto), Benguela and other southern towns in the wake of the UNITA rout. At least 200 dead were found in Bie alone, the newspaper said.

Pentagon plans \$893m sale to Saudi Arabia

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (R) — The Defence Department said today it intended to sell Saudi Arabia construction equipment worth \$893 million for work on two ports and three military facilities.
The Department notified Congress the equipment would be used to construct two new port facilities, one on the Red Sea and another on the Gulf, and to improve the military facilities at Jubail, Jeddah and Riyadh.
The proposed offers would bring total military sales to Saudi Arabia since last June to a record \$3,793 million compared with \$1,400 million for the previous year.
In addition to the proposed military construction sales, the Pentagon is expected soon to announce offers to sell Saudi Arabia about 25 M-60 tanks for training purposes and anti-tank missiles.

Peru tour stop

Feb. 18, (AFP). — Secretary of State Henry Kissinger started the second day of his Latin American tour today where he plans to discuss Peru's expropriation of U.S. companies, a U.S. source disclosed.
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Prime Minister Zeid Rifai, left, and Syrian Prime Minister Mahmoud Ayyoubi are pictured in Amman Wednesday before the Syrian guest returned to Damascus after his official three-day visit to Jordan. (JNA photo).

Ayyoubi visit ends with joint pledge to expand bilateral ties

AMMAN, (Agencies). — Jordan and Syria have agreed on further bilateral cooperation and coordination as part of an integration process that will lead to union of the two countries.
A joint communique issued simultaneously in Amman and Damascus Wednesday evening at the end of a three-day session here of the two countries' Joint Higher Committee said the committee, which meets every three months, reviewed the work, resolutions and recommendations of the joint sub-committees in all fields. It expressed great satisfaction of the strides taken by the Syrian-Jordanian march towards the planned objectives under the leadership of His Majesty King Hussein and President Hafez Assad.

The Syrian side at the meetings was headed by Mr Mahmoud Ayyoubi, the Prime Minister, and the Jordanian team by Premier Zeid Rifai.
Specific steps to be taken included the establishment of air links between major Jordanian and Syrian towns starting in May 1976 and an agreement for reciprocal diplomatic representation beginning in June, in which Syrian missions would speak for Jordan in 23 nations and Jordanian diplomatic missions for Syria in seven countries.
An effort would also be made to bring the two nations' development plans into line with each other and to set up joint companies and complementary development projects, the communique said.
In addition, coordination would be stepped up in the areas of phosphates, banks, currency, justice, trade unions, customs, education, tourism, transportation, electric power and information.
In the political field, the Higher Committee called upon the concerned authorities in the two countries to go ahead with more coordination and cooperation to strengthen the two countries' unified stand and preserve their national and pan-Arab security.
It also decided to continue consultation with regard to all

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Riad begins West Sahara shuttle diplomacy

CAIRO, Feb. 18, (Agencies). — The Secretary General of the Arab League, Mr Mahmoud Riad, leaves for Algiers tomorrow to begin a three-nation shuttle mission aimed at defusing the Western Sahara crisis, League sources said today.
Algerian and Moroccan troops have repeatedly clashed in the territory and Algerian President Houari Boumedienne said yesterday that further fighting had threatened to turn into open war against Algeria.
The mission is expected to last between a week and 10 days, the sources added. Mr Riad earlier this week sent cables to King Hassan of Morocco and presidents Boumedienne and Moktar Ould Daddah of Mauritania urging them to open a constructive dialogue.



INTELLIGENCE CHIEFS — President Ford announced a reorganization of the American intelligence community Tuesday that puts the three men pictured here at the top of the command structure. George Bush (left) is now head of the CIA. Former U.S. ambassador Robert Murphy (right) is head of a new intelligence oversight board, one of whose members is former Secretary of the Army Stephen Alles (Centre).

Lebanon faces staggering economic problems

Karami proposes national reconciliation government

BEIRUT, Feb. 18, (Agencies) — The Lebanese cabinet met today to discuss ways of relaunching the country's economy, wrecked by the nine-month civil war.

Prime Minister Rashid Karami meanwhile reiterated his appeal for the formation of a government of national reconciliation composed of "sincere" representatives of all factions.
Speaking to reporters after today's cabinet meeting, he said that following last Saturday's proclamation of the reforms on which political agreement between the warring factions was reached, it had become desirable that there should be a working party to assume public responsibilities.
"This requires that there should be a government representing the various sides".
Mr Karami was asked whether he feared a new flare-up. "Such regrettable and shocking incidents like kidnapping and killing may happen at any time," he replied. "We should not pause to imagine that such crimes would lead to a new flare-up. No conflagration can occur as long as all are agreed to cooperate."

Mr Karami said the cabinet had concentrated on topics that would help revive the economy, aid victims of the civil war and enable people displaced by the fighting to return to their homes.
He added that he hoped bills dealing with such matters would be approved at a special meeting of the cabinet on Saturday.
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Traders were, however, reluctant to stock up again.
Lack of mutual trust appeared to be at the heart of the

slow pickup of businesses and industries.
Moslem workers were still unable to reach factories in Christian-held areas and vice-versa.
Syrian mediator Abdel Halim Khaddam, the Foreign Minister, was to have returned home yesterday having completed his mission, according to the press, but he stayed on as a result of a telephone request from President Hafez Assad in Damascus.
Reports said his main task seemed to be to talk round socialist leader Kamal Jounblatt, one of those most reserved about the Syrian peace plan for Lebanon.
Meanwhile, Lebanese deputies have proposed a two-year extension for the present parliament to allow the country to return to normal before new elections.
The government has already prolonged the parliament's mandate for one year, but the Parliamentary Committee on Administration and Justice said yesterday constitutional amendments could not be pushed through by the initial election deadline of May 3.
In a related development, United Nations officials reported in Geneva today that Lebanon is likely to need tens of millions of dollars of humanitarian aid over the next 18 months.
After a two-weeks visit to Lebanon, a four-man team from the general headquarters of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) estimated that more than 400,000 people to achieve a compromise.

Iceland expected to sever ties with U.K. today

REYKJAVIK, Feb. 18, (Agencies). — Iceland, long embroiled in a bitter "Cod War" against Britain, will break off diplomatic relations with the British tomorrow, reliable sources said here tonight.
The break would be the first of its kind between two NATO countries in the 26-year history of the Atlantic alliance.
Foreign Minister Einar Agustsson refused to comment on the issue tonight but a government announcement will be made tomorrow, when the Icelandic cabinet meets.
NATO Secretary General Joseph Luns, who has tried to mediate in the dispute, mentioned that an Icelandic move appeared imminent as he addressed a weekly meeting of permanent NATO delegates in Brussels today, Alliance sources said.
The sources noted continuing diplomatic activity among officials from NATO, Iceland and Britain, however, in an effort to achieve a compromise.

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BELFAST BLAZE — Firemen are shown fighting a huge blaze in Belfast city centre Tuesday after IRA bombs had blasted two large stores in the area. Firemen were still fighting the blaze five hours after the explosions. (AP wirephoto)

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Economic sense

The meeting of Arab economists now taking place in Amman is another of those behind-the-scenes events that draw small headlines but end up making big waves. The meetings of the Arab Economists Federation are discussing various steps that can and should be taken to induce greater cooperation in the economic field throughout the Arab World.

For simplicity's sake, the economists have divided the Arab World up into two geographic regions, the Maghreb states of North Africa, and the Mashrek states of the Levant and the Gulf. The idea is to promote cooperation within these two regions, and then move towards integration and coordination between the states of both areas.

Within this framework, some of the economic integration moves taking place between Syria and Jordan are already proving to be sparkling models of viability. But within the greater framework of the entire Arab World, one quickly sees what the economists have to work with, and work towards.

As a unit, the Arab World contains two distinct kinds of states—the often sparsely populated ones with a formidable income from natural resources (Libya, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and the like) and the more populated but less endowed ones whose economies are not as dependent on one commodity (Syria, Lebanon, Sudan, Egypt, among others).

Two things come to mind about this economic region—there are some states with impressive revenues, and others with less spectacular receipts but more developed basic industries manned by more experienced workers.

What the Arab economists are seeking now is a means to integrate these two disparate quantities into arrangements to induce structural complementarities in a regional economic context. This means providing Saudi Arabia with some of the experience of the Jordan Valley farmers and the Lebanese service sector people, and simultaneously channeling some oil revenues into productive investments in Sudan, Egypt or Morocco. In this way, the capital-exporting states would productively invest some of the revenues they are not now able to inject into their domestic economies, and the capital-poor Arab states would have a source of needed cash that would, all at once, create employment, improve infrastructural facilities, provide expertise and services to other Arab states, and reduce dependence on external sources of capital.

This is precisely the kind of thing that is now being investigated and promoted by such regional bodies as the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development, and it is a direction wherein lies the rational route for pan-Arab economic progress.

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The intentions and motives of the Israeli government in trying to play Arab against fellow Arab is an old fashioned manner of conspiracy which used to be carried out by the Zionist leaders, Al-Ra'i said.

Mr Rabin indicated long ago that his government can in no way be ready to negotiate a settlement with the Palestine Liberation Organisation, but he expressed willingness to negotiate with Jordan regarding the occupied West Bank.

The paper said that the Arabs have not reached that degree of stupidity to accept such intentions by the Israeli rulers, who know the Arabs' unanimous resolution regarding the West Bank in Rabat.

It is understood that Rabin intends to evade the issue by simply not withdrawing from any occupied territories, the paper said.

It added that Rabin is mainly trying to bluff American public opinion and other foreign communities.

Mr Rabin is trying to distort

the real Jordanian stand behind the problem of destiny, the paper said.

The paper concluded that Jordan's stand is very clear; it will be not go to Geneva because there is no validity for its presence there.

Ad Dustour praised the resistance of the unarmed citizens in the occupied West Bank to foil Israeli plans to carry out prayers in Al-Aqsa Mosque.

The Israeli authorities are now waving about their intentions to cancel the court ruling due to the West Bankers' increased pressure, it said.

Actually, the Israelis are retreating at this time to plan a much more sophisticated and sneaky to carry out their prayers at the third holiest shrine in Islam, it said.

Ad Dustour continued that the Moslems and Arbas have to continue their plans in presenting their case to the international community, to preserve one of the holiest sites in Islam in the city of love and peace.

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At the Ramtha joint Syrian-Jordanian border post, Prime Minister Zeid Rifai and Syrian Prime Minister Mahmoud Ayyoubi are pictured (at centre) prior to Mr. Ayyoubi's return home.

Farewell to a friend

The death of Mr Pierre Lavergne, the French Cultural Attaché here, has deeply grieved everyone who knew him.

Mr Lavergne was well-known to all schools that taught French, and had excellent relations with Jordan University and the Ministry of Education.

He was also a friend of Jordan Television, the radio station, and the Department of Arts and Culture of the Ministry of Information, in addition to being a member of the Friends of Archaeology society.

He was always obliging in his dealings with people, sincere and most sociable.

Mr Lavergne was considered a true friend of the Arabs; he spent more than 15 years working in the Arab World, first in Syria, and Lebanon before coming to Jordan in 1970.

Mr Lavergne was above all a model family man devoted to his wife and four children.

Mr Lavergne, who died at the age of 44, was a dear, unique person whose loss leaves a void in the lives of all who knew him.

He will be buried this morning at 10:00 a.m.

The Jordan Times joins the

many members of the community who express their deep sympathy and to the Lavergne sympathy and condolences to the Lavergne family.

General Fix arrives on visit

AMMAN. — U.S. Major-General Joseph Fix arrived in Amman Wednesday night for one-week visit to Jordan during which he will meet with the Commander-in-Chief of the Jordanian armed forces and visit touristic and archaeological sites.

Major-General Fix was met at Amman airport by the Chief of Staff, the Commander of the Royal Jordanian Air Force and the American Military Attaché in Amman.

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Iran gets its own nuclear accelerator

TEHERAN, Feb. 18, (R). — A new Van de Graaff accelerator laboratory was opened here today at the research centre of the Iranian Atomic Organisation.

The laboratory is staffed by 10 Iranian and two Pakistani experts, the PARS news agency said.

Free zone chief here for talks

AMMAN. — The Director-General of the free zones in Syria, who is also chairman of the Administrative Council of the Joint Jordanian-Syrian Industrial Free Zone, Dr Taha Bali arrived here Tuesday night to hold talks with Jordanian authorities to expedite equipping the joint free zone to put it into actual use at the earliest possible time.

He said the zone will contribute to the development of the Jordanian northern areas and the Syrian southern areas through employment of labour and enhancing economic growth and the standard of living in both regions.

Central Bank offers new bond issue

AMMAN. — A new issue of development bonds totalling six million will be placed on the market by the Central Bank Saturday.

Three quarters of the bonds (worth 4.5 dinars) are allocated to a public corporation which will have an annual interest yield of 6.5 per cent.

The remaining (worth 1.5 million) will be offered to the public and will carry an annual interest yield of 6 per cent.

Aviation committee ends meeting

AMMAN. — The Joint Jordanian-Syrian Committee on air transport and civil aviation reviewed in its meetings which ended Wednesday the various steps achieved by its subcommittees entrusted to implement integration projects.

These include putting into service regular flights between

various cities of the two countries, pooling the efforts of the Royal Jordanian Corporation and the Syrian Corporation and the establishment of an air academy to train pilots.



The Joint Syrian-Jordanian Higher Committee held its third and final meeting in Amman Wednesday morning to cap the three-day visit here of Syrian Prime Minister Mahmoud Ayyoubi. He is pictured at the head of the table with meeting co-chairman Prime Minister Zeid Rifai.

Notice from the Embassy of France

All friends of Mr. Pierre Lavergne who died as a result of a car accident on Sunday, February 15 1976, may attend, or join in thought, the funeral service which will be held at the Latin Church in Djebel Weibdeh on Thursday the 19th of February, 1976 at 10:00 a.m.

Condolences may be presented at the Church after the service or in the evening at the home of the deceased (Shmeisani quarter, Imm. Zouqan Hindawi).

Dr. Elizabeth R. Han

DENTAL SURGEON

University of St. Andrews — Scotland resumes practice at her clinic near the British Embassy and opposite the Tunisian Embassy in Jebel Amman.

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CHANNEL 3 :

7.30 Science and life
8.30 Play

CHANNEL 6 :

7.30 News in Hebrew
7.45 Varieties
8.30 Clayhanger

9.30 Feature film

10.00 News in English
10.15 Cont. of feature

Amman Airport

DEPARTURES :

7.20 Beirut
8.45 Beirut (M.E.A.)
9.30 Rome
10.00 Cairo
11.30 Frankfurt, Copenhagen
12.15 Kuwait (K.A.C.)
12.30 Paris.
19.00 Abu Dhabi, Bangkok
19.30 Kuwait

ARRIVALS :

8.30 Bangkok Bahrain
8.40 Dhahran, Kuwait
8.45, Dubai, Abu Dhabi
9.50 Beirut
11.15 Kuwait (K.A.C.)
16.15 Cairo
16.55 London
17.45 Rome
18.30 Beirut (M.E.A.)

Radio

[ON 856 KHZ]

7.00 Breakfast show.
7.30 News Bulletin
7.45 Morning Melodies
8.00 Sign off
12.00 Pop session (part I)
13.00 News Summary
13.03 Pop session (part II)
14.00 News Bulletin
14.10 Radio magazine
14.30 Melody Time
15.00 Classical Music
15.30 Light Instrumentals
16.00 Old Favourites
16.30 Easy listening
17.00 Studio one
18.00 News Summary
18.05 Listener's choice
18.30 Science Report
18.45 Music
19.00 News Bulletin
19.10 News Reports
19.30 Sign off.

Market Price

Apples (Double Red) 200—250
Apples (Golden) 130—170
Apples (Starken) 140—180
Bananas 150—180
Bell Pepper 80—110
Beets 50—70
Cabbage 50—70
Cauliflower 25—40
Chestnuts 300—330
Carrots (Yellow) 50—80
Carrots (Black) 50—80
Cucumbers (Small) 280—330
Cucumbers (Large) 180—220
Grapefruit 35—50
Garlic 50—80
Lemon (Large) 80—110
Lettuce 50—70
Lettuce (Small) 25—40
Hot Pepper 240—300
Horse Beans 100—140
Marrow (Small) 90—120
Mandarines 160—200
Onion 120—150
Oranges (French) 50—80

Oranges 80—110

Oranges (Naval) 100—

Potatoes (Imported) 70—

Potatoes (Local) 100—

Potatoes (Sweet) 40—

String Beans 150—190

Tangerines 50—90

Tomatoes 50—80

Tonight's Emergencies

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Talal Tabboub (37175)

PHARMACIES :

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Penalties may hit Concorde flights to Bahrain

LONDON, Feb. 18, (AFP). — British Airways may be forced to suspend flights of the supersonic Concorde to Bahrain, because it is costing around £100,000 a week to operate this service.

The Daily Mail newspaper continued this report saying that the airline was carrying an average of 35 passengers a flight on the Concorde service to Bahrain, as against the aircraft's capacity of 100 passengers.

They may suspend the Bahrain flights for a while waiting approval of their request to the service on to Cyprus and Melbourne.

B.A. denies end of Concorde run to Bahrain

LONDON, Feb. 18, (AFP). — British Airways denied today that it might stop flights by the supersonic Concorde airliner between London and Bahrain, pending extension of the service to Singapore and Melbourne.

The company was reacting to a report in the newspaper Daily Mail saying there was a possibility that the Bahrain programme might be altered.

British Airways said there were no plans for any changes in respect of Bahrain, which the company had always regarded as a first stage in the commercial use of Concorde.

PLO condemns Brussels Jewish meet

BRUSSELS, Feb. 18, (AFP). — The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) will use all legal political and economic means to thwart the present world conference here of Jewish communities in support of Soviet Jews, PLO Belgian representative Naim Khader declared today.

He rejected reports that his organisation would try to disrupt the conference by attacks against Belgian institutions.

A PLO communique issued here declared that the real aim of the conference was to allow Zionist propaganda to reach Jews in the Soviet Union, thereby causing massive emigration to boost the "human and military potential of the occupiers."



TOKYO DRAMA — Japanese policemen in Tokyo crouch behind metal shields in front of the Bank of Yokohama Wednesday while an armed robber held hostages inside.

2 officers shot in foiled Tokyo bank robbery

TOKYO, Feb. 18, (R). — Police today arrested a gunman in his mid-20's who held three men as hostages in a Tokyo bank after killing one policeman and seriously wounding a second.

The man had entered the branch of the Bank of Yokohama in the Shinjuku entertainment and shopping area of Tokyo shortly after the bank closed for business this afternoon.

Police quoted eye witnesses as saying the gunman had demanded 300,000 yen (480 sterling) before bank employees pressed an alarm button, summoning two policemen to the scene.

The gunman fired four shots, hitting the two policemen, before moving up to a first-floor bank office with his hostages in the nine-storey building.

After his arrest, police identified him as Tadao Tanabe, 28, from Yokohama, southwest of Tokyo.

One of the policemen died of chest wounds shortly after he was taken to hospital. The other policeman was reported to be in serious condition.

Anti-Teng drive intensified in China

PEKING, Feb. 18, (AFP). — The Chinese Communist Party newspaper the People's Daily indicated today that "capitalist roaders" party leaders should be removed from power just like President Liu Shao-chi and Lin Biao.

In a long front-page article, the newspaper published a historical account of all the "revisionist movements" in the People's Republic of China since 1949. The leaders of these movements were successively eliminated, the People's Daily pointed out.

The article mentioned Kao Kang, a leader accused of conspiring against the party in 1954, the "anti-party clique" headed by Peng Teh-Huai at the time of the "Great Leap Forward" in 1958, another "anti-party clique" led by Liu Shao-chi during the Cultural Revolution, and finally Lin Biao who attempted a "counter-revolutionary coup d'etat."

The People's Daily drew a close parallel between those leaders who had been purged during the last 20 years, and those who are being attacked today but who have not been mentioned directly by name.

According to the big-character posters (Dazibao) that have appeared in China's universities, the leader who is being singled out in particular for attack is Vice-Premier Teng Hsiao-ping. In one poster that appeared in a Shanghai university, Mr Teng was last week called the "second Chinese Khrushchev" the first being ex-President Liu.

In today's article, the People's Daily, which yesterday revealed a split in the party's

Central Committee, emphasized various directives issued by Chairman Mao Tse-tung during the previous movements to purge "revisionists," in particular at the time of the Cultural Revolution when "people identical to Khrushchev," notably President Liu, were the targets.

The commentator of the People's Daily also pointed out a statement made at the party's 10th congress in August 1973 "The fall of Lin Biao's anti-party clique in no way means the end of the fight between two lines within the party."

"The fight between two lines will continue for a long time and 10 more times, 25 more times, people like Wang Ming (A pro-Soviet revisionist), Liu Shao-chi and Lin Biao will resurface."

The comparison between "revisionists" of the past who have been the victims of political purges and those who are being attacked today is seen as

Kuwait defends Iran price move

KUWAIT, Feb. 18, (AFP). — Kuwait said today that the one per cent cut in Iran's oil price was "natural and fair" and was also Iran's "legitimate right."

Oil Minister Abdul Muttaleb Al Kazimi, quoted by the newspaper Al Anba, said the Iranian decision was in conformity with the resolutions of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) allowing each OPEC member to adjust its oil rate.

The move would enable Iran to recuperate what it had lost in the international market, he added.

a direct warning of the fate in store for the latter.

It remains to be seen whether this is simply the desire of the radical leaders who apparently control the media in China, or a clear indication that the other side will be removed from power shortly, observers said.

UN sees progress in bid to curtail opium production

GENEVA, Feb. 18, (AFP). — Turkish opium production last year was wholly controlled by the government and none of the drug fell into the hands of narcotics smugglers, the United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs (UNCND) was told here today.

This assessment was made by Jacobus de Beus, of the Netherlands, Executive Secretary of the UN fund against abuse of narcotics.

He said 5,800 tons of poppy straw were produced, but served exclusively to produce the medicine codeine. None was used for clandestine production of heroin, he affirmed.

Turning to Thailand, Mr de Beus said that Thai government efforts to encourage substitute crops for poppies in certain villages reduced opium output by half in those localities. This five year project will cost \$ 1.6 million.

The fund has a \$ 9.1 million budget this year for the Thai project and other projects.

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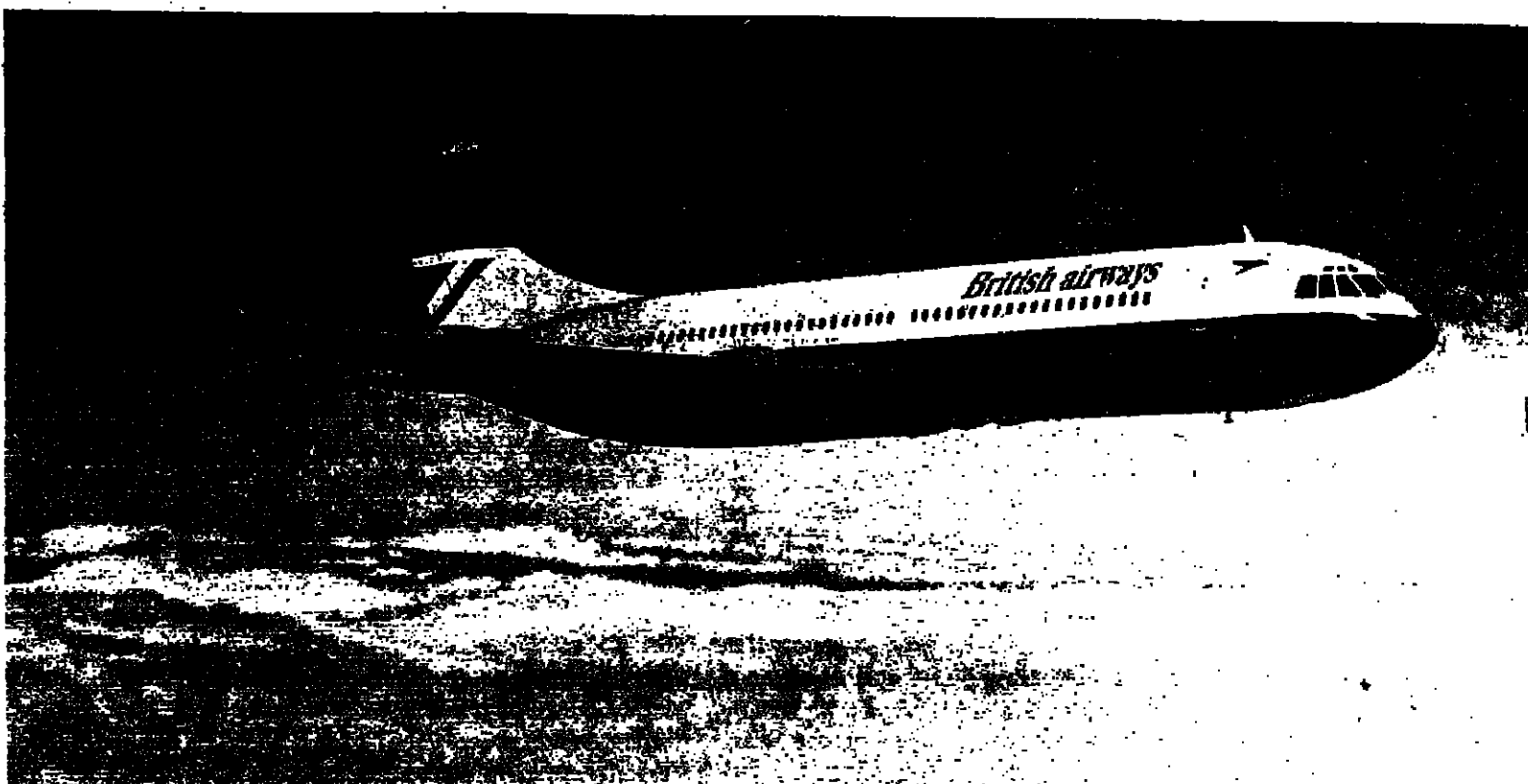
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Irani oil price cuts deemed ineffective

LONDON, Feb. 18, (R). — American and French governments to use their influence on the Consortium members to increase their consumption of Iranian oil.

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The estimate was made by Mr Ali-Naghi Farmanfarmaian, Chairman and Managing Director of the Iranian state-owned Industrial Credit Bank (ICB).

Iran has embarked on an extensive development programme, which it is determined to carry out despite the recent drop in oil revenues.

Mr Farmanfarmaian was speaking at a news conference after the signing of a \$50 million six year Euromarket loan for ICB.

The Iranian banker said his bank would return to the Euromarket for a further \$230 million later this year to help finance private sector projects in Iran.

Borrowing by ICB would be used mainly to develop Iran's petrochemical and construction industries, he said.



END OF VISIT — Turkish Foreign Minister Sabri Caglayangil is pictured during an Oslo press conference at the end of his official three-day visit to Norway. (AP wirephoto).

Oil hopes boost UK economic prospects

Britain's gross domestic product will grow at an average rate of just over 3.5 per cent a year over the six years 1976-1981, says a London-based international economic forecasting group.

The growth rate in Britain, forecast by the Economic Modellers Group of Companies, compares favourably with the group's predictions for West Germany, for which an average GDP increase of only 2.6 per cent a year is predicted over the same period.

Britain also comes off slightly better than the United States and France, for both of which the predicted average GDP growth rate over the six years is 3.4 per cent a year.

The group claims a good track record for its predictions, which form part of its annual six-year forecast for the major world economies.

The group believed that for most of the present century and particularly in the past 20 years the growth of the British economy had been largely stunted by an adverse balance of payments. The exploitation of North Sea oil would do away with this constraint over the next five years.

A summary of the group's predictions said: "At the very least, the British economy will be given an opportunity to arrest its cumulative decline and begin the process of long-term recovery."

The forecasts were worked out on the assumption that oil prices would rise over the six years at the same rate as the growth in world prices generally.

The group assumed that incomes policies would end in the autumn of next year, but that they would be reimposed in 1981.

The group expects fairly tight control over public sector borrowing. It predicts that this will fall from 6.2 per cent of GDP in 1981 compared with 11.7 per cent this year.

It warns that the main danger over the six years will be the vulnerability of the economy to inflation. The average rate of consumer price rises is forecast at above 10 per cent for each of the six years.

Another constraint on inflation, the group says, will be an unemployment rate of more than one million for most of the period.

Foreigners head new Abu Dhabi investment board

ABU DHABI, Feb. 18, (R). — A Frenchman and a Briton have been appointed advisors to the newly created Abu Dhabi Investment Authority which will take over the handling of the wealth of this Gulf oil-exporting state from the London-based Abu Dhabi Investment Board, it was reported here today.

The weekly newspaper Al-Fajr named the two men as Mr John Butters and M. Jean Battayard.

It also named the members of the seven-man board, which will run the authority under the Chairmanship of Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zaid, the Abu Dhabi Crown Prince and son of Sheikh Zaid Bin Sultan, the President of the United Arab Emirates.

Mr Butters is the director of the Abu Dhabi Finance department and M. Battayard, a former World Bank official, who previously worked in Kuwait on its foreign investments.

The board will include, two cousins of Sheikh Zaid's, Sheikh Tahoun Bin Mohammed and his brother Sheikh Surour Bin Mohammed. The first is governor of Al-Ain province and Chairman of the state-owned Abu Dhabi National Oil Company and the second is Sheikh Zaid's personal advisor.

The board will also include Foreign Minister Ahmed Khalifa Al-Suwaidi, oil Minister Mana Al-Oteiba, Dr Adnan Al-Pachachi an Iraqi-born Foreign Affairs advisor to Sheikh Zaid, and Dr Hassan Obas Zaki, the Egyptian born director of the Abu Dhabi fund for Arab economic Development.

Mr Ghanem Albevegoli has been appointed secretary to the board, Al-Fajr said.

The authority is due to take over the foreign investment portfolio of some \$2 billion as well as any new funds allocated for investment abroad. These might average \$1 billion a year over the next few years, observers said.

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ECONOMIC BRIEFS

● TAIPEI. — Taiwan's economy registered a moderate 2.8 per cent growth last year. This was ahead of most of the countries in Europe, Japan and the United States.

● MOSCOW. — The Western world and Japan accounted for 32 per cent of Soviet foreign trade last year, compared with 21 per cent in 1970. Last year's trade in this category came to roughly \$18 billion.

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LONDON MARKET REPORT

Interest was inhibited Wednesday in front of the publication of the government White Paper on public expenditure and ICI's results, due tomorrow, dealers said.

Leading industrials drifted lower but there were some isolated firm spots. At 15:00 the F. T. Index was down 3.9 at 399.4. Minings staged a technical rally, dealers added, with De Beers recovering 12P of the recent fall. Gold producers added up to 50P in the heavyweights.

Government bonds lost much of their earlier gains after an irregular trend. Early speculative interest about a reduction in the minimum lending rate gave way to profit-taking.

ICI eased 5p on small selling ahead of the results due tomorrow. Other top names to lose between 3p to 7p included Courtaulds, Fisons, Glaxo, GEC and Unilever. Thorn, Hawker and GKN edged higher against the trend.

Turner and Newall showed a net fall of about 7p after the 20 mln stg rights issue and profits forecast. P and O dipped 10p after its lower profits forecast. Woodside Burmah gave up a 2p rise on news of plans to raise 21 mln Aust. dls. Southern Rhodesian bonds were again lower fears of a breakdown in the current constitutional talks.

Paris dialogue appears stuck on formalities

PARIS, Feb. 18, (R). — Rich and poor nations last night completed their first week of complex new economic negotiations, still largely bogged down in procedural problems, according to delegates' reports.

Delegates at the so-called "North-South Dialogue," which began here last Wednesday after 10 months of painstaking preparations are still discussing how to discuss major issues, one source said.

Progress seems to be slowest in the key Energy Commission, which has brought senior officials from the industrial west, the oil producers and developing countries around a negotiating table for the first time.

The dialogue, expected to last a year, is being conducted in four specialist bargaining commissions on energy, raw materials, development assistance and finance.

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He said that if Congress did not want to extend the ceiling to September 30 it should raise the statutory limit on outstanding debt by \$35 billion for the period ending June 30.

The only group where have really started is the Development Commission, has embarked on discussion about trade.

"There has been no session but some strong disagreements were expressed in the Finance and Development Commissions on use of the economic review of the industrial side blared up oil prices, which developing countries see as seeds of recession were decade ago and accused of exploitation.

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COMECON seeks biggest Eurocurrency loan yet

FRANKFURT, Feb. 18, (R). — COMECON, the East European Economic Organisation, is seeking a \$600 million Eurocurrency loan, the biggest it has yet raised on the western capital market.

Details were disclosed by the West German Dresdner bank, which has been appointed manager for the group arranging the loan.

A spokesman for the Dresdner bank, one of West Germany's leading commercial banks, said the money would be used to help in financing a 2,750 km. gas pipeline from Siberia to six East European countries.

The money is being raised for the Moscow International Investment Bank, which borrows on behalf of COMECON.

The spokesman said the loan agreement would be signed soon. It would have an average maturity of less than five years, and would carry an interest rate of one and a quarter to one and three eighths per cent above rates offered between banks in London—currently five and five eighths per cent.

The first few kilometres of the pipeline from the Soviet Union's newest gas fields around Orenburg in the Southern Urals have already been laid.

It will supply gas to East Germany, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, Bulgaria, and Romania.

The Dresdner bank spokesman said all banks of international repute, including those from communist countries, were expected to join the loan consortium.

The international investment bank has already borrowed heavily on the Eurocurrency markets in recent months.

It raised a five-year loan of \$350 million at the end of last year from a consortium led by the Deutsche Bank, West Germany's biggest bank.

Options still open after Syrian-Iraqi oil discussions

BAGHDAD, Feb. 18, (R). — Syria and Iraq have agreed to hold further talks on a new oil agreement after holding four rounds of discussions here, it was officially announced. The recent talks which started last week concerned the new agreement on the pumping of Iraqi oil to Syrian refineries and across Syria to Mediterranean ports.

Under an earlier accord concluded in 1973, Syria was last year paying only \$3.055 per barrel for Iraqi crude, less than one third of the going market rate. The financial terms of the accord ran out at the end of last year.

The Middle East Economic Survey (MEES), an authoritative oil affairs weekly, predicted in Beirut last Saturday that the talks would be "very tough indeed."

MEES said its sources had given it to understand Iraq was now seeking market prices, around \$11.90 a barrel.

When the Syrian delegation left Baghdad, it was announced that the talks would be resumed at a date in the near future to be disclosed later.

Exchange Rates

Following are the official American exchange rates at the close of the business day yesterday. The two figures denote buying and selling prices in Jordanian fils:

U.S. dollar : 330—332
U. K. sterling : 669—675
German mark : 128.7—129.1
Swiss franc : 128.7—129.1
French franc : 73.9—74.2
Italian lira : 43.1—43.3
Syrian pound : 84.7—85.1
Egyptian pound : 463—473
Iraqi dinar : 902—910
Kuwaiti dinar : 1110.9—1120.5
Libyan dinar : 705—725
Lebanese pound : 134.5—136.4
Algerian dinar : 40—43
Saudi riyal : 93—93.5
UAE dirham : 82.5—83



Laser Knife — The Ferranti MF 400 multi-fold carbon dioxide laser, which produces a continuous wave beam source for cutting systems, is the smallest laser in the world for its power output. The MF 400 solves a number of different cutting and drilling problems in sheet metals, wood, quartz and plastics.

Ship of the desert: a look at the camel

Text and photos by Bill Lyons

one is fortunate enough to discover a bit of Jordan's thriving desert life. One of the main sources of trade and livelihood in this desert area is the maintenance and sale of camels. It has been

said that the camel is a horse designed by a committee because of his numerous and versatile characteristics. To the traveller, he is the "ship of the desert," being nearly self-sufficient for days at a

sumption as well as hide and bone used to make a number of items necessary for desert life. The skins are tanned and used bone-carving.

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FLYING HIGH — U.S. figure skating champion Terry Kubicka, 19, of Cypress, California, cartwheels through the air at a recent meet in Colorado before the Innsbruck Olympic Games. He was one of the athletes chosen to represent the U.S.

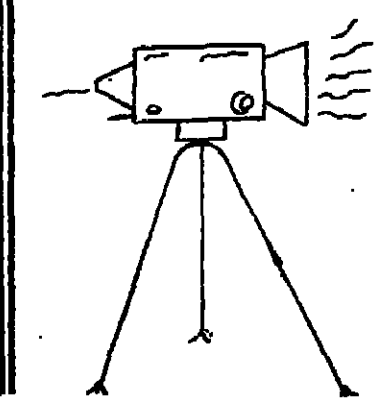


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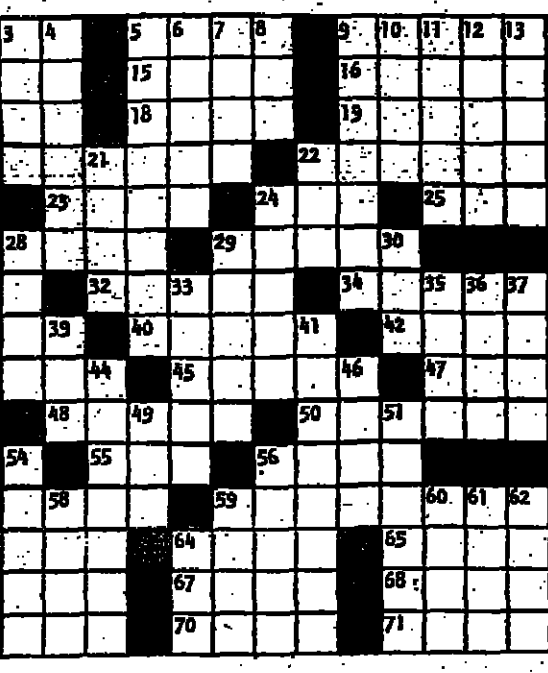
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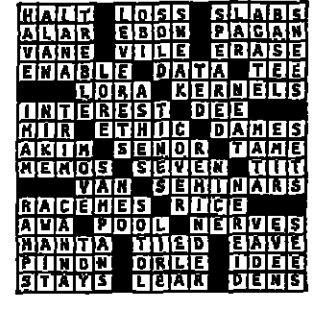


Crossword Puzzle



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 - Pasha
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 - Chills and fever
 - Ibsen character
 - Nebraska metropolis
 - Vexes
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 - Morocco's capital
 - Swayed
 - Long step
 - Of time
 - Second person
 - of thieves
 - Retarded one
 - Kind
 - Exclamation
 - Get lost
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 - Lung part
 - Art exhibit venue
 - "One Touch of
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Lockheed scandal spreads in Europe and Japan

TOKYO, Feb. 18, (Agencies) — The Japanese Government today renewed its request to the U.S. government to reveal the names of the high Japanese government officials allegedly involved in the Lockheed payoff scandal.

The request was made after Prime Minister Takeo Miki held separate meetings with members of his cabinet and convened a liaison session of key cabinet ministers and top ruling Liberal Democratic executives.

During these meetings, Mr Miki instructed Foreign Minister Kiichi Miyazawa to ask the U.S. for all available information on the scandal "regardless of the consequences."

In Rome a government spokesman denied any link between Italian President Giovanni Leone and Maria Fava, who is sought by police in connection with the Lockheed scandal.

The denial followed allegations in Italian dailies that Mrs. Fava, who has disappeared, had previously worked "in the office of a Neapolitan lawyer since called to a very high function."

Mrs. Fava, who is in her 60's, came out of a quiet retirement in 1969 to become administrator of the Com El (electrical components) company at the

time when Lockheed was negotiating the sale of Hercules C-130 aircraft to Italy.

Lockheed documents published in the U.S. alleged that Com El served as an intermediary for payoffs.

In Madrid, Spain has instructed its Washington Embassy to investigate allegations that Spaniards have been involved in the Lockheed bribery scandal, Foreign Ministry sources said today.

A spokesman for the multinational company denied that Lockheed had given bribes in Spain.

And in Bonn the opposition Social Democrat group in the Bundestag (lower house of parliament) today asked the West German Government to disclose any information it has on Lockheed aircraft company payoffs to West German political parties.

Spain's Juan Carlos drafts striking police, firemen as riots continue

BARCELONA, Spain, Feb. 18, (R). King Juan Carlos drafted striking firemen and traffic policemen into the army today in a tough move, even as he wooed Catalan support on a tour of the restive region.

The conscription order was issued after riot police fired tear gas into the city hall to dislodge about 2,000 striking municipal workers who had occupied it.

The police charge, shortly after midnight, caused panic inside the 13th century grey-stone building and women were trampled in a mass scramble to the door. About 20 people were reported hurt.

Fire engines raced through the streets of Barcelona with sirens wailing in the early hours in protest against the police action.

An eye-witness said he saw a municipal policeman scuffling with a riot policeman with a tear gas grenade launcher outside the city hall.

As 36-year-old King Juan Carlos left for the city of Lerida to continue his Catalan tour,



ON THE STAND — Patricia Hearst leaves the Federal Building in San Francisco Tuesday after she testified at her trial. She told the jury that she was raped, threatened with death and forced to take part in a bank robbery by members of the Symbionese Liberation Army who dreamed of world revolution.

several hundred striking municipal workers occupied Barcelona's city hall again this morning.

They booed and jostled the mayor, Senor Jaquin Viola, as he went into his office. They demanded his resignation with cries of "Out, Out."

Traffic policemen, who had just been given their conscription orders, stood in sullen silence and did not join the uproar.

As the workers milled inside the city hall, chatting and munching sandwiches, several busloads of riot police drove up to the square outside.

A police officer ordered the municipal workers to abandon the city hall or face another police charge.

The strikers, who included nurses, museum guards, butch-

Cyprus talks progress slowly

VIENNA, Feb. 19, (R). — Three-sided talks on the future government of Cyprus slowed down today, as Cypriot leaders began grappling with the complex problem of how much island territory should be held by the Turkish community.

U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, providing good offices in Greek-Turkish communal negotiations, said a plenary session lasting only 60 minutes was adjourned until tomorrow afternoon to give both sides time to consult home authorities in Cyprus.

Greek-Cypriot negotiator Glafkos Clerides said no concrete proposals on a territorial division of the island had been exchanged so far. He hoped the territorial question, a key issue for the island's 500,000 Greeks, would be a "dominant feature" when talks resume at Vienna's Hofburg Palace tomorrow.

Conference sources said undisclosed difficulties had forced Mr Waldheim to consult separately before the meeting with both Mr Clerides and Turkish community leader Rauf Denk-tash.

The difficulties apparently continued into the meeting, resulting in a shorter session than planned, and made it necessary for the negotiators to seek fresh instructions from their respective sides of the "green line" dividing the communities in Nicosia, the Cyprus capital.

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Demonstrators storm U.S., British embassies in Nigeria

LAGOS, Feb. 18, (Agencies). — Nigerian police today used teargas to disperse Lagos University students who stormed the U.S. and British embassies causing extensive damage in a protest over last Friday's assassination of head of state Murtala Muhammed.

The students, chanting war songs, marched the ten kms from their campus in a mainland suburb to the centre of Lagos island where the two buildings are situated.

They carried placards reading "Murtala is our saviour. May his soul rest in peace," "Away with British imperialism" and "Close down American and British embassies".

The students went first to the U.S. embassy where they pulled down a gate and broke into the building, breaking windows, and burning the American flag, as well as causing extensive damage.

At the British High Commission just around the corner, the students wrecked official cars and other property before being dispersed with teargas.

In a related development, a Nigerian government statement said today that last week's abortive coup was aimed at restoring General Yakubu Gowon to power.

The statement was contained in a broadcast by Lagos Radio, monitored in London.

General Gowon was overthrown in a coup in July 1975. That coup was led by General Murtala Muhammed who was killed in Friday's short-lived coup attempt.

General Gowon is now a university student in Britain. He has denied any connection with Friday's rebellion.

The government statement said Lieutenant-Colonel B.S. Dimka, who led the abortive coup, had called at the British High Commission in Lagos on the day of the coup.

He asked the High Commissioner to report to the British government that he and his colleagues had taken over the Nigerian government and to arrange for General Gowon to return immediately and assume the leadership of the country, the government said.

The Foreign Office issued a statement in London today which said the British High Commissioner in Lagos had categorically refused to pass the message from Colonel Dimka to General Gowon.

A foreign office spokesman said: "Lieut-Col. Dimka presented himself at the British High Commission office in Lagos, at about 0915 local time on 13th of February, accompanied by three armed soldiers and asked to see the British High Commissioner. He asked the High Commissioner to send a message to Gen. Gowon in Britain."

"The High Commissioner explained that it would be improper for him as the head of a diplomatic mission, to take any action touching on the internal affairs of the country in which he was serving", the spokesman said.



SAFETY MEASURES — British Prime Minister Harold Wilson (second from right) waves as he leaves 10 Downing Wednesday on his way to a session of Parliament. He is undied by security men assigned to follow him at all times in the wake of new threats from the IRA.

IRA terrorism means new security measures for go officials

LONDON, Feb. 18, (AP) Scotland yard today stepped up its guard on members of the British Government after of them received a death believed to have been meted out by Irish terrorists.

An anonymous telephoner with a heavy Irish accent made the threat yesterday to Bob Mellish, who as Government Chief Whip is responsible for ensuring the ruling majority in Parliament.

Mrs. Mellish took the threat on a private line, and her husband would be expected to be in the house.

The safety of public has been the police's headache since the death in prison six days ago of Stagg, a convicted terrorist member of the Irish Republican Army (IRA) who starved himself for 61 days.

Premier Harold Wilson has a police escort at all times even for the two-minute journey from his official residence in Downing Street to the House of Commons.

The IRA has hailed Mr Wilson as a martyr and promised a funeral with full military honours in Ireland later this



BRITAIN'S OLYMPIC MASCOT — International sprinters Wendy Clarke and Steve Green, who are hoping to be among those selected for the United Kingdom Olympic team for 1976, introduce the British Amateur Athletic Board's mascot, Montreal Ted, in London. The mascot will be used to help promote the Board's nationwide scheme for raising funds through schools to finance specialised training for Olympic athletes.

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